

STANDARDS FOR SCORING THE CLASS C DRIVING TEST

Test will be scored as follows on the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles (DL-402DE), score sheet. The number of points assessed for each fault committed will be combined for a total point score. The accumulation of 31 points or more is considered a failure.

The categories listed by their identifying number on the form are clarified as follows:

1. Unable to start engine (31 Points)

- a. Unable to start due to lack of knowledge
- b. Fails to start engine with standard transmission in neutral

2. Striking/Jumping Curb, Markers (31 Points)

- a. Drives one or more wheels over the curb or onto the sidewalk
- b. Makes contact with curb sidewalk or marker

3. Instructor Intervention (31 Points)

- a. Any situation in which the instructor must intercede, verbally or physically, in order to prevent an accident or an unsafe maneuver.

4. Serious Traffic Offenses (31 Points)

- a. Passed Stop Sign
 1. Fails to stop
 2. Makes first stop in intersection
 3. Fails to make second stop if necessary
 4. Makes stop in crosswalk at an intersection
- b. Passed Red Light
 1. Drives through an amber light when the applicant had an opportunity to stop safely
 2. Proceeds through intersection shortly before light turns green
 3. Crowds into intersection as light turns red
- c. Failed to Yield Right-of-Way
 1. Forces pedestrian to hurry
 2. Does not yield right-of-way on left turn
 3. Fails to give right-of-way to emergency vehicles
 4. Interferes with traffic having right-of-way
- d. Drove in Opposite Lane Continuously
 1. Crosses center line and remains in opposite lane for extended period of time
- e. Improper Pass
 1. Has insufficient clearance to pass
 2. Passes within or too close to intersection
 3. Returns to lane too quickly after passing, causing overtaken vehicle to slow down
 4. Passes on right where illegal
 5. Passes in a NO Passing Zone
- f. Restriction Violation
 1. Violates restriction on Learner's Permit or License
- g. Speeding
 1. Drives over speed limit
- h. Fails to wear seat/shoulder belt

5. Accident (31 Points)

- a. Any accident, however slight, which the applicant could have prevented
- b. Any contact with a pedestrian which the applicant could have prevented

6. Lack of Cooperation (31 Points)

- a. Applicant refuses to follow instruction of the examiner. This does not apply if the applicant does not understand the language
- b. Applicant refuses to try to do any maneuver
- c. Applicant offers a bribe or gratuity

7. Knowledge of Controls (16 Points)

- a. Operate headlights-low and high beams
- b. Activate windshield wipers, four way flashers, or any other control that becomes necessary during the test
- c. Sound horn
- d. Activate/Release park brake

8. Other Traffic Offenses (16 Points)

- a. Improper Turns
 - 1. Fails to get into proper lane
 - 2. Swings too wide on turn
 - 3. Swings too short on turn
- b. Crosses Center Line
 - 1. Crosses center line momentarily
- c. Following too closely
 - 1. Does not follow four second rule
- d. Speed Control According to Conditions
 - 1. Too fast for conditions
 - 2. Slides or skids due to speed
 - 3. Fails to decelerate when appropriate
- e. Stopping
 - 1. Stops in crosswalk, (uncontrolled/not at an intersection)
 - 2. Stops unnecessarily on roadway
- f. Improper Signals or Fails to Signal
 - 1. Gives wrong signal
 - 2. Fails to signal
 - 3. Continues signal after turn is completed
 - 4. Activates signal much too short, i.e., less than 100 feet from turning or stopping point

9. Judgment in Traffic (16 Points)

- a. Fails to assume right-of-way when yielded
- b. Fails to maintain a safety margin in all traffic situations, i.e., parked vehicles pulling out, anticipation of person stepping out between parked cars, slowing in congested areas
- c. Reacts improperly to hazardous or emergency situations

10. Failed to Observe Traffic (16 Points)

- a. Does not turn head to check for traffic
- b. Does not check for traffic when going through intersection on green light
- c. Takes eyes from road to talk to examiner
- d. Fails to use mirrors

11. Steering (16 Points)

- a. One hand driving when not required
- b. Allows steering wheel to “spin back” after turns
- c. Jerky motion causes car to swerve when turning or driving straight ahead
- d. Fails to use hand over hand or push pull method

12. Unable to Park at end of examination (16 Points)

- a. Parks more than 12 inches from curb
- b. Parks between lines with one or more wheels over a line

13. Speed too Slow (8 points)

- a. Applicant over cautious
- b. Drives 10 mph or more under speed limit unless conditions warrant it
- c. Interferes with other vehicles by driving too slow

14. Starting and Smooth Driving (8 Points)

- a. Rolls back more than 12 inches
- b. Does not release parking brake before attempting to start vehicle in motion
- c. Spins wheels when starting
- d. Stalls engine
- e. Jerky or unsmooth driving
- f. Difficulty in shifting
 - 1. Automatic Transmission
 - a. Using improper gear
 - b. Failure to come to a complete stop before shifting from forward to reverse, etc.
 - 2. Standard Transmission
 - a. Looks at gear shift lever rather than roadway
 - b. Using improper gears
 - c. Grinds gears
 - d. Shifts in middle of turn
 - e. Swerves vehicle when shifting

15. Improper Braking (8 Points)

- a. Proper foot position
- b. Foot slips
- c. Foot misses
- d. Fails to apply brakes soon enough

16. Improper Backing (8 Points)

- a. Fails to look around
- b. Uncertain steering (3 back-ups)
- c. Fails to signal
- d. When backing, one-handed steering is okay